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Applicants: SHUSTER et al.

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Title: METHOD, APPARATUS AND SYSTEM  
FOR HOSTING INFORMATION EXCHANGE  
GROUPS ON A WIDE AREA NETWORK

Art Unit: 2154

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2003, the period for response to which has been extended to April 5, 2004 (the first business day following April 4, 2004), by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows: